

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Rule 53(b)
Divisional Application of: **Yoichi Okita**

Group Art Unit: 2811 **(Parent)**

Serial No.: 09/971,736 **(Parent)**

Examiner: **C. Q. Nguyen (Parent)**

Filed: **January 29, 2004**

Confirmation No.: 3060 **(Parent)**

For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE SAME**

Attorney Docket No.: 011273A
Customer Number: 38834

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 29, 2004

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are indicated on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.